

SJ VIETNAM WORKCAMP INFORMATION SHEET

SJV13.17 The center of bringing up and vocational training for the orphaned and handicapped

Date 30/07/2013 – 10/08/2013

Location Ky Quang Pagoda (154/4A Le Hoang Phai, Ward 17, Go Vap District, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam)

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About Solidarités Jeunesses Vietnam

SJ Vietnam (Solidarités Jeunesses Vietnam) is an international youth Non-Governmental Organization which was created in 2004. It promotes values of solidarity, peace and tolerance through youth citizenship projects to improve society during and after the voluntarism. SJ Vietnam organizes short-and long-term workcamps and projects, actions of social integration, training activities and international solidarity actions.

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About the project



Ky Quang pagoda is located in Go Vap district in Ho Chi Minh City which is about 9km far from the city center. It has still been known as an educational center in area and limited with entertainment activities for both of kids and youth. Up to 2010, there is no social center established in order to have extra support of education and caring for unlucky destinies. Then Ky Quang pagoda started to establish classes for orphaned

and handicapped children. Its aims to offer scholarship of tuition, equip local children with lessons about life-skills, and give foreign language classes. The center is also a place for local volunteers cooking food for kids and taking care of them.

Workcamp activities: volunteers will be carrying out following activities:

- Education: Teach local children basic English through songs and games, first aid, environment awareness and soft skills. Organize different workshops as music, painting and handmade classes.
- Renovating work: Construct and develop a new library for local children.
- Culture Exchange Day: Introduction and Sharing the culture, landscape and traditional food of countries.

Accommodation and food

Volunteers will stay in a hotel nearby project site with basic and simple condition of living



(wifi 24/24), 2 persons sharing a room. Shower and toilet are available in each room. There is washing service provided by hotel so volunteers could use this service with costs not covered by SJV, or volunteers could wash your clothes by hand.

Vietnamese food is considered as easy to eat, if you have special diet, please inform us before hand.

Leisure and exchange activities

Free times should be used for inter-cultural and leisure activities of the group. So please come with some ideas of games and entertainment. The group also has chances to self-organize some other activities such going out for coffee, karaoke, smoothies in the evening.

Volunteers will have weekend off, a chance for everyone to travel and take an interesting and relaxing break together. There are beaches close to Saigon or maybe a trip into the Mekong Delta region. SJV does not cover this cost for you but we can help arrange with ideas and planning details.

What to bring

(i) For themselves, volunteers should bring air mattress (if necessary), mosquito net, and raincoat.

(ii) For the project, volunteers should bring:

- Info materials and pictures of your country.
- Toys and learning materials for the children if you have.
- Colorful markers for drawing and workshops.

- You can also bring some traditional ingredients for Culture exchange day or intercultural night.

Meeting point and meeting time

Meeting point: Gia Dinh Park (Hoang Minh Giam street, Go Vap district, HCM City).

Arrival time: 10h30AM on 30th June, 2013

Departure time: 13h00PM on 10th August, 2013

How to get to the meeting point from the airport



Gia Dinh Park

International Airport: take a taxi from the taxi rank in front of arrivals. It's best to walk left and take a taxi from there – not the Saigon Airport Taxi. Take the taxi to **Gia Dinh park** and the price is around **50,000VND** (2.5USD). The ticket for the taxi to exit the airport toll gate is **10.000 VND** which the customer pays. You should get some money changed in the airport so you can pay for the taxi in local currency.

Participation Fee

The total fee is 5,000,000VND/participant in including transportation around the campsite, food, basic accommodation and materials for the workcamp. This fee will be paid upon arrival at the workcamp on the first day. Participation fees enable SJ Vietnam to take care of your stay and to fund their projects. Volunteers have to pay by themselves extra fee if you want to travel during the weekend.

Thank you for your attention! ☺